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FISHERY UPDATE



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PETERSBURG/WRANGELL HERRING UPDATE #8

The department conducted an aerial survey today, April 24, of the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area between 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. The survey conditions were poor to fair with areas of low ceiling and moderate winds.

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

No herring schools or herring spawn were observed during today's survey of the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area. The marine mammal activity decreased substantially from prior surveys. The highest concentration of sea lions was observed near the north entrance to Hobart Bay. Herring activity in Farragut Bay often predates herring activity in the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area by a few days. Farragut Bay also had minimal activity with 25 sea lions and no herring or herring spawn observed. The next flight is scheduled for Friday, April 26.

2013 Herring Survey Summary

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

April 16 No herring activity, 71 sea lions, 2 whales, 100 scoters.
April 19 No herring activity, 102 sea lions, 550 scoters.
April 22 No herring activity, 81 sea lions, 1,500 scoters.
April 24 No herring activity, 31 sea lions.

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